

Highlights

November 7, 2017 Council Meeting

Penalty on Property Taxes – Reminder that a ten percent (10%) penalty will be applied to all *current* property taxes remaining unpaid after November 30th.

Water Line from Ashmont to Mallaig – The Special Act of the Legislature amending the Water Act to accommodate an inter-basin transfer allowing the transfer of water from the North Saskatchewan Watershed to the Beaver River Watershed received 3rd reading by the Province on November 3. The County is in the process of finalizing detailed design for the project and pre-qualifying contractors to construct water line from Ashmont to Mallaig. We expect the project will go to tender (to qualified contractors) in late December or early January for construction in 2018.

STIP Funding – The County will be submitting grant applications for funding under the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program for four bridge files that are reaching the end of life and are scheduled to be repaired and/or replaced. The County will also be applying for funding to do significant work on the Moosehills Road to lower the grade of the road by one meter where a slide is occurring. This application will cover phase one of a potential three phase project to stabilize this stretch of road.

Agreements – Council extended the Joint Fire Services Agreement with the Town of St. Paul for one year ending December 31, 2018.

Resolution for Ag Societies and Ag Service Boards - The County of St. Paul has submitted an emergent resolution to the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties for consideration at the upcoming convention from advocating for the continuation of funding to the Agricultural Societies and Agriculture Service Boards as these programs have recently undergone a review by Alberta Treasury Board and Finance. Should the resolution be accepted as emergent, the membership will vote on the resolution.

Organizational Meeting – Council members were appointed to committees to represent the County of St. Paul. The list of committee members can be viewed on the website. Council remuneration will be discussed in the new year based on the compensation review being prepared by a consultant.

The County is also seeking **members at large** to serve on the Library Board, FCSS, Cemetery Committee, Weed/Pest Appeal, Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, Regional Assessment Review Board, Ambulance, Elk Point & St. Paul Airport and the Town of St. Paul Recreation Board. Information about committees can be viewed on the County website. If you are interested in becoming a member, tell us about yourself and your experiences relating to the board/committee, what interests you in becoming a member and what you can contribute to the board/committee. Information can be forwarded to pcorbiere@county.stpaul.ab.ca before November 24 at noon.

FCSS Seniors Festival - The County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS will be hosting their *Annual Seniors Festival* on Friday, November 24 in Ashmont at 11:00 a.m. For more information or to register call 780-645-1950 or 780-724-3800.

Funding Support:

- \$1,500 – Regional High School – Boys Provincial Golf; Girls Provincial Golf; Cross Country Provincials
- \$750 – FG Miller High School - Individual Provincial Golf; Cross Country Provincials
- \$500 – Mallaig School Cross Country Provincials
- \$1,000 – Mallaig Seniors for 2018 Transportation
- \$110,630 MSI Operational Funding distributed to Ag Societies and Community Halls throughout the Municipality

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